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Then it's possible to hypnotize him to forget what he did, who funded him, or who's behind him. You can erase his memory.

When this was said a few years ago, it seemed banal but when you see the new report by Sen. Frank Church on the use of drugs that cause amnesia on unsuspecting people, it doesn't seem so far out.

What is amnesia but a forgetting process. And Sirhan Sirhan doesn't remember very much.

Today he is sitting in a cell at Soledad Prison — for life. The alleged "lone, crazed assassin" of Bobby Kennedy.

Communism, such as Castro's Cubans and people from the Greek Orthodox church who escaped from Stalin's Russia, were used for political assassination teams and cover-ups for domestic intelligence operations.

Mae Brussell is a writer, lecturer and radio broadcaster, but above all she is the most serious student and investigator of assassinations in this country.

Miss Brussell is the author of dozens of articles which have appeared in American newspapers and magazines; she has spoken at a score of universities on the assassination of the Kennedy brothers and she has been a regular lecturer at Monterey Peninsula College.

As a radio commentator, she originated one of the most unusual programs in the history of broadcasting. Called "Dialogue Conspiracy," it became syndicated across the country.

In an exclusive interview with MIDNIGHT, Mae Brussell, for the first time, details the conclusions of her eight-year study into the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The web of illicit CIA activity and the curious acquaintanceships of Richard Nixon are spreading to include the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

The link between the Sirhan family and the CIA goes far back.

Sirhan Sirhan was 12 when they arrived in New York. The father, Bishara, stayed on in Manhattan, while his wife and three of their children went to California, where she worked as a domestic. Their marriage was not a good one. Two other sons were to join the family later.

According to the New York Times, the father found work as a plumber in New York. According to the Los Angeles Times, "he found himself a good job in an east coast defense plant."

Either way, it seems odd that an alien would suddenly get a job in a defense plant, asserts Miss Brussell, "or that he could come over here and might away go into the plumbers' union and break into that highly competitive field."

Meanwhile out in Pasadena, Sirhan's mother was buying a house.

In Pasadena, even stranger things were transpiring. The New York Times reported that two families were responsible for getting the Sirhans to America. One family, a doctor and his wife, were identified in the press. The other couple was never named publicly.

And by the time of the assassination of Bobby Kennedy, He claimed that this mysterious family had been prominent in Pasadena society and active in the Republican Party and in the Rose Bowl Committee, as was Richard Nixon.

A modest house, Miss Brussell notes, but considering the supposed poverty of the family, "they still owned it."

So, was there a link between bringing this family here, the Greek Orthodox church and the CIA? Or, as the investigator puts it, "Were they 'sleepers' to be used years later?"

A "sleeper," she says, is a person planted in a community for the purposes of espionage.

I know that there are sleepers all over the country to be used later. Often years later. It's like the police departments and the FBI use men who have prison records and they keep them out of jail as long as they perform. But they have a leash if they fall out of line.

Further evidence that the Sirhans received a payoff of some kind can be seen in the case of the father. He stayed

"The FBI interviewed this sponsoring family after the assassination, but this never became public record."

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CIA involvement with virtually every important segment of American life, including, unfortunately, the media and academia, is more than a little troublesome. Its assassination plots against world leaders, its clandestine drug testing, its excesses in covert operations and its domestic spying all needed exposing—and correcting.

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